IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT CHARLESTON

WALTER J. JONES, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:04-0361

JO ANNE B. BARNHART, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

By Standing Order entered nunc pro tunc May 13, 2002, and filed in this case on April 15, 2004, this action was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Mary E. Stanley for submission of proposed findings and recommendation. Magistrate Judge Stanley submitted her proposed findings and recommendation on May 4, 2005. In that Proposed Findings and Recommendation, the magistrate judge recommended that this court 1) deny the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, 2) grant the defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings, 3) affirm the final judgment of the Commissioner, and 4) dismiss this action from the court's docket.

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), the parties were allotted ten days, plus three mailing days, in which to file any objections to Magistrate Judge Stanley's Findings and Recommendation. No party has filed objections within the

requisite period, and the failure of any party to file such objections constitutes a waiver of such party's right to a <u>de novo</u> review by this court. <u>Snyder v. Ridenour</u>, 889 F.2d 1363 (4th Cir. 1989); <u>Thomas v. Arn</u>, 474 U.S. 140 (1985).

Having reviewed the Proposed Findings and Recommendation filed by the magistrate judge, the court adopts the findings and recommendations contained therein. Accordingly, the court hereby DENIES the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, GRANTS the defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings, AFFIRMS the final decision of the Commissioner, and DISMISSES this matter from the court's docket.

The Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this written opinion and order to counsel of record and to any unrepresented party.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of June, 2005.

ENTER:

David A. Faber Chief Judge